

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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VIA FACSIMILE

Honorable Robert James Conrad, Jr.
Chief Judge
United States District Court
235 Charles R. Jonas Federal Building
401 West Trade Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

**Re: Designation of the Honorable William L. Osteen,
Senior District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina**

Dear Judge Conrad:

Enclosed is a Designation indicating my willingness for Judge William L. Osteen, Senior United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, to assist the court in the Western District of North Carolina beginning April 2, 2007.

Sincerely,



William W. Wilkins

cc: Hon. James A. Beaty, Jr.
Hon. William L. Osteen
Mr. Frank G. Johns
Samuel W. Phillips, Circuit Executive
Patricia S. Connor, Clerk

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**DESIGNATION OF DISTRICT JUDGE
FOR SERVICE IN ANOTHER DISTRICT WITHIN THE CIRCUIT**

WHEREAS, in my judgment the public interest so requires: Now, therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Title 28, United States Code, Section 292 (b), I do hereby designate and assign the Honorable William L. Osteen, Senior United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, to hold a district court in the Western District of North Carolina during the period beginning April 2, 2007, and ending December 31, 2007, and for such additional time in advance thereof to prepare for the trial of cases, or thereafter as may be required to complete unfinished business.



William W. Wilkins
Chief Judge, Fourth Circuit

Dated: March 27, 2007